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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: ITALIAN LETTERS ROGATORY
REQUESTING EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMINAL
PROCEEDING AGAINST MR. SINDONA

1. ON 11/18/76 EMBASSY OF ITALY FORWARDED LETTERS
ROGATORY TO DEPT FOR EXECUTION BY JUSTICE DEPT. LETTERS
ROGATORY CONCERN A CRIMINAL CASE IN WHICH A MR. MICHELE
SINDONA IS A SUBJECT. THERE HAS BEEN A GRAND JURY INVEST-
IGATION IN THIS CASE IN THIS COUNTRY. THE ITALIANS ARE
ALSO INVESTIGATING THE CASE. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY ON
8/2/78 REQUESTED DEPT TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF LETTERS
ROGATORY. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT US ATTORNEY HANDLING THIS
CASE HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH INVESTIGATOR IN
ITALY ALSO INTERESTED IN THE CASE.

2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN'S ASSISTANCE IN PASSING
MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY JOHN J. KENNEY FROM
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK TO MR. DOTT OVILIO
URBISCI, INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE, MILAN, ITALY. (DEPT
HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY OF ITALY WITH CONTENTS OF THIS
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MESSAGE ALSO.) QUOTE: CONFIRMING OUR CONVERSATION IN
MILAN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WE CANNOT RESPOND TO YOUR
REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SINDONA MATTER AT

THIS TIME. WE WILL RESPOND AT A LATER DATE.

AS WE DISCUSSED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS IN

POSSESSION OF THE INFORMATION WHICH YOU SEEK--AS A RESULT OF A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, THE PRINCIPLE SUBJECT OF WHICH IS SINDONA. DISCLOSURE OF THE GRAND JURY MATERIALS AT THIS TIME WOULD REQUIRE A COURT ORDER. ISSUANCE OF SUCH A COURT ORDER WOULD INVOLVE LENGTHY LITIGATION BY SINDONA TO PREVENT SUCH DISCLOSURE. AS WE AGREED, THIS WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF EITHER THE ITALIAN CASE OR OUR INVESTIGATION HERE.

WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO THE PROGRESS OF OUR INVESTIGATION, AND WILL PROMPTLY INFORM YOU WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO FURNISH THE REQUESTED MATERIALS WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING OUR INVESTIGATION.

SECONDLY, AS YOU REQUESTED, I HAVE RELAYED TO BORDONI'S ATTORNEY--ANTHONY G. DIFALCO--YOUR DESIRE TO INTERVIEW BORDONI. MR. DIFALCO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY ON THIS POINT.

I HOPE YOU AND DOTT BIOLA HAVE ENJOYED YOUR VACATION. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN SHORTLY ON OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING WHICH YOU HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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